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- (d) Is conducted in accordance with a specific authorization to operate in that airspace incorporated in the operator's operations specifications and approved by the Flight Standards District Office in accordance with the provisions of this subpart;
- (e) Is a search and rescue mission directed by the U.S. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center;
- (f) Is conducted within 3 nautical miles of Grand Canyon Bar Ten Airstrip, Pearce Ferry Airstrip, Cliff Dwellers Airstrip, or Marble Canyon Airstrip at an altitude less than 3,000 feet above airport elevation, for the purpose of landing at or taking off from that facility; or
- (g) Is conducted under an instrument flight rules (IFR) clearance and the pilot is acting in accordance with ATC instructions. An IFR flight plan may not be filed on a route or at an altitude that would require operation in an area described in § 93.305.

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: By Amdt. 93-80, 65 FR 17743, Apr. 4, 2000, \$93.309 was made effective Dec. 1, 2000, and amended by revising paragraphs (b) and (f), effective Dec. 1, 2000. At 65 FR 69847, Nov. 20, 2000, the effectiveness of \$93.309 was delayed until Dec. 28, 2000. At 66 FR 1005, Jan. 4, 2001, the effectiveness of \$93.309 was delayed until Apr. 1, 2001. At 66 FR 16584, Mar. 26, 2001, the effective date of \$93.309 was further delayed until Apr. 19, 2001. For the convenience of the user, the added and revised text follows:

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- (b) Unless necessary to maintain a safe distance from other aircraft or terrain, proceed through the Zuni Point, Dragon, Tuckup, and Fossil Canyon Flight Corridors described in §93.305 at the following altitudes unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Flight Standards District Office:
 - (1) Northbound. 11,500 or 13,500 feet MSL.
 - (2) Southbound. 10,500 or 12,500 feet MSL.

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(f) Is conducted within 3 nautical miles of Grand Canyon Bar Ten Airstrip, Pearce Ferry Airstrip, Cliff Dwellers Airstrip, Marble Canyon Airstrip, or Tuweep Airstrip at an altitude less than 3,000 feet above airport elevation, for the purpose of landing at or taking off from that facility; or

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§93.311 Minimum terrain clearance.

Except in an emergency, when necessary for takeoff or landing, or unless otherwise authorized by the Flight Standards District Office for a purpose listed in §93.309(c), no person may operate an aircraft within 500 feet of any terrain or structure located between the north and south rims of the Grand Canyon.

§93.313 Communications.

Except when in contact with the Grand Canyon National Park Airport Traffic Control Tower during arrival or departure or on a search and rescue mission directed by the U.S. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, no person may operate an aircraft in the Special Flight Rules Area unless he monitors the appropriate frequency continuously while in that airspace.

§93.315 Requirements for commercial Special Flight Rules Area operations.

Each person conducting commercial Special Flight Rules Area operations must be certificated in accordance with Part 119 for Part 135 or 121 operations and hold appropriate Grand Canyon National Park Special Flight Rules Area operations specifications.

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§93.317 Commercial Special Flight Rules Area operation curfew.

Unless otherwise authorized by the Flight Standards District Office, no person may conduct a commercial Special Flight Rules Area operation in the Dragon and Zuni Point corridors during the following flight-free periods:

- (a) Summer season (May 1–September 30)–6 p.m. to 8 a.m. daily; and
- (b) Winter season (October 1-April 30)-5 p.m. to 9 a.m. daily.

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§ 93.319 Commercial air tour limitations.

(a) Unless excepted under paragraph (f) or (g) of this section, no certificate holder certificated in accordance with part 119 for part 121 or 135 operations may conduct more commercial air